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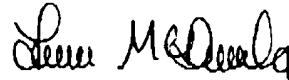
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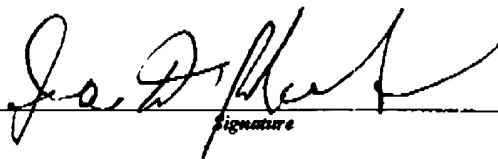
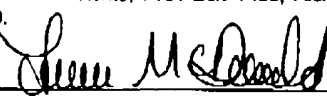
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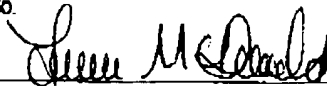
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 2, 2003, Applicants submit the  
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